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Mr. Johnny W. Reising United States Department of Energy Fernald Closure Project 7400 Willey Road Hamilton, Ohio 45013

RE: Fire Training Area PCE Verification Report

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) revised verification report for the removal of tetrachloroethene (PCE) from the remaining portion of the contaminated soil obtained from the fire training facility, Remediation Area 6. The document describes the passive treatment and analytical results of samples collected, summarizes the toxicity characterization leaching procedure results from the treated soil staged in Quonset Hut No. 1, and describes the basis for removing the staged soil and placing it in the On-Site Disposal Facility.

This document appears technically adequate and the U.S. EPA approves the revised verification report. However, U.S. DOE needs approval of this document from the OhioEPA due to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act activities in this area.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James A. Saric

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